

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a [X] continuation [] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending Application No. PCT/EP02/04712, filed on April 29, 2002, for REGROOVABLE TREAD AND PROCESSES FOR OBTAINING SUCH, by the following named inventor(s):

(a) Full Name Jose Merino Lopez
(b) Full Name Julien Metzger
(c) Full Name _____

- [] Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- [X] The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- [] This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

(a) Full Name _____
(b) Full Name _____
(c) Full Name _____

- [] This application is being filed by more than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(5), a new oath or declaration is enclosed, and the Commissioner is requested to add the name(s) of the following person or persons who are inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

(a) Full Name _____
(b) Full Name _____
(c) Full Name _____

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- Applicant(s) suggests Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and/or patent.
- Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: Michelin Recherche Et Technique S.A., Route Louis Braille 10 Et 12, CH-1763 Granges-Paccot, Switzerland.
1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior Application No. _____ as originally filed on ___, including copies of the specification, claims, drawings and the executed oath or declaration as filed.
 2. Enclosed is a revised prior application and a copy of the prior executed oath or declaration as filed. No new matter has been added to the revised application.
 3. Small entity status is hereby claimed.
 4. The filing fee is calculated below [] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00 (1001)
Total Claims	17	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (1203)					0
Total Application Fee					770.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					0.00
Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$ _____ if Assignment document is enclosed					40.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					810.00

5. This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
6. Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
7. A check in the amount of \$ 810.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
8. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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9. [] Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
10. [] New drawings are enclosed.
11. [X] Priority of Application No. 01/05949 filed on May 3, 2001 in France (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- [X] The certified copy of the priority application
[X] is enclosed.
- [] was filed on _____ in prior Application No. ___, filed on ___, and acknowledged by the Examiner on _____ in Paper No. _____.
[] has not yet been filed.
12. [] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
- [] --This application is a [] continuation [] divisional of Application No. ___, filed on _____.--
- [] --This application is a [] continuation [] divisional of U.S. Application No. ___, filed on ___, which was a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. ___, filed on _____.--
- [] --This application is a [] continuation [] divisional of U.S. Application No. ___, filed on ___, which was a continuation of International Application No. ___, filed on _____.--
13. [X] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
14. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
15. [] A General Authorization for Payment of Fees and Petitions for Extensions of Time is enclosed.
16. [X] Also enclosed Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment documents, copy of WO 02/090094 A1, copies of forms IB/304, IPEA/402, IB/332, and copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report in French.
17. [] The power of attorney in the prior application is to _____.
a. [] The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
b. [] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
c. [] Recognize as Associate Attorney _____.

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- d. Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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